REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to be parallel to the other independent claims.

It is suggested that notifying the first of three processors when the second is receiving a signal from the third is taught in Nakata's system of tokens.

However, the aim in the Nakata system is to simply parse out or dispense wavelengths for use by a plurality of nodes. Even if any one of the three nodes knew that a particular wavelength was no longer available, there is no notification of one node when a second node is receiving a signal from a third node. However, even if the one node was aware that two wavelengths were being used, it would not know how they were being used. Therefore, the one node would not know the two other nodes within the group were communicating and that one of them, in particular, was receiving a signal from a particular node.

Therefore, reconsideration would be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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